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COSTA RICA.

Weekly reports of conditions and transactions at Port Limon—Fruit port—Yellow fever.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, October 9, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended October 9, 1902:

Present officially estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week—cases, 3; deaths, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 5. Prevailing diseases were yellow fever and malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week has not been good. Five deaths occurred in this port—1 white adult female, 2 white adult males, and 2 colored adult males, due to the following causes: Malarial fever, 1; pulmonary tuberculosis, 1; bilious remittent fever, 1; cerebral apoplexy, 1, and tertiary syphilis, 1. Those cases of yellow fever originating here were admitted to a hospital on the 6th and 7th instant, and were all white adult males, 1 Italian and 2 Costa Ricans.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: October 2, steamship *Olympia*; crew, 38; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. October 4, steamship *S. Oteri*; crew, 31; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. October 6, steamship *Altai*; crew, 45; passengers from this port, 8; passengers in transit, 1; baggage disinfected, none. October 8, steamship *Preston*; crew, 47; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none; steamship *Manuel Calvo*; crew, 119; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, 60; baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

WM. H. CARSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

CUBA.

Report from Santiago de Cuba—Decrease in number of deaths.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, October 7, 1902.

SIR: Through Asst. Surg. F. E. Trotter, at Havana, I have the honor to forward herein the report for the month of September, 1902. I can not explain the sudden great decrease in the number of deaths. Comparing the last three months with the corresponding period of last year, I find there was a marked decrease last year also, as will be shown by the following: 1901, July, 107; August, 100; September, 67. 1902, July, 83; August, 81; September, 48.

Respectfully,

RICHARD WILSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.